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SUBJ: CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICA

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1. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SENT ME THE FOLLOWING REACTION
VIA DE LA PIEDRA. (DE LA PUENTE IS TIED UP IN THE
CURRENT VISIT OF THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER.)
QUOTE PERU IS ALSO MUCH CONCERNED (BASTANTE PREOCUPADO)
BY CUBAN MILITARY ACTIVITY IN AFRICA. THE PROBLEM IS A
GLOBAL RATHER THAN LATIN AMERICAN CONCERN. AT SOME
POINT IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO ADDRESS IT IN THE UNITED
NATIONS. END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: THE REFERENCE IN OUR DEMARCHE TO HEMISPHERIC
CONSULTATIONS AND TO THE INTER-AMERICAN PRINCIPAL OF
NON-INTERVENTION SEEMS TO HAVE AROUSED DE LA PUENTE'S
FEAR THAT WE WERE THINKING OF BRINGING THE MATTER INTO
THE OAS -- AN INITIATIVE THE PERUVIANS WOULD OPPOSE.
THIS IS PROBABLY ALL WE ARE GOING TO GET FROM THE GOP
ON THE SUBJECT AT THIS POINT. CAUTION IN THAT QUARTER
IS NOT SURPRISING. ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF RICHTER LEAVES
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TODAY FOR MOSCOW AND FOR DELICATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE
RUSSIANS ON PERUVIAN DEBT.
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